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SUBJECT: MACEDONIA: MFA IS ALIGNED WITH USG THINKING ON
KOSOVO STATUS TROIKA TALKS

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(SBU) P/E Chief delivered reftel points on the Kosovo status Troika talks to MFA State Counselor Vasko Grkov on September 12. Grkov agreed on the need for discreet contingency planning for possible follow-on actions in the event the parties do not reach agreement by December 10. He also agreed on the need for the U.S. and Europe to work together closely and in full partnership. Grkov underscored the GOM's position that it would be vital for the EU to work toward a maximum possible internal consensus on Kosovo status in the meantime.

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